

CHANGE OF COMMAND REMARKS  
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SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF

THOSE WHO WORK --

EXHILIRATING -- REWARDING

MOST GRATEFUL TAKE TIME

*KIDD ELLS, EAGLE, SWANK --*

THANK YOU -- GENEROUS REMARKS

THANK YOU EVEN MORE - HONORING SECOND FLEET

UNSTINTING SUPPORT YOU AND COUSINS HAVE GIVEN - KEY

SUCH SUCCESS AS WE IN SECONDFLT HAVE HAD

ALSO GRATEFUL SPECIAL EMPHASIS

ADM HOLLOWAY PLACED ON MAINTAINING OPERATIONAL READINESS

SECOND AND ~~THIRD~~ FLEETS.

ATTEMPTED FOLLOW LEAD/BY FINDING NEW WAYS TO STRESS

OPERATIONAL PREPAREDNESS/DESPITE HAVING LESS OPPORTUNITY

TO OPERATE AT SEA/DUE TO SPIRALING COSTS OF FUEL

GRATEFUL THREE GROUPS *WITHIN 2ND FLEET FOR HAVING*

LEARNED TO DO MORE WITH LESS

*ASK*  
1. GROUP COMMANDERS

CARGRU 4 - 6

CRUISER DES 2 - 8 - 12

PHIB GROUP - 2

SERVGROUP - 2

IMAGINATION IN FINDING WAYS SIMULATE BEING AT SEA

AND ~~IN~~ OBTAINING MUCH POSSIBLE EVERY HOUR AT SEA - SUPERB

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2. COMMEND C.O.s - SHIPS, AIRCRAFT SQUADRONS

SERVED IN SECOND FLEET

IN MY VIEW, NONE HAVE MANPOWER, MONEY, MATERIAL  
OR TIME NEEDED TO DO <sup>their</sup> YOUR JOB AS SHOULD BE DONE.

THEY ARE ONES THAT SHOULDER RESPONSIBILITY

~~AR~~ SETTING PRIORITIES--- NEGLECTING HERE --EMPHASING THERE

DELIGHTED ENTHUSIASMIC WAY RESPONDED TO EFFORTS  
EMPHASIZE OPERATIONAL READINESS <sup>in</sup> THEIR UNITS

3. GRATEFUL STAFF - COMSECONDFLT

RESPONDED GREATER ALACRITY AND EFFICIENCY

IDIOSYNCRASIES YOUR COMMANDER - THAN DESERVED.

TO ALL THREE GROUPS - ~~COMMANDERS~~

YOU MUST CONTINUE -- INSIST MORE ATTENTION TO COMBAT  
<sup>OF YOUR</sup>  
~~OUR~~ READINESS FORCES

1. THERE IS MORE THAN CAN BE ACHIEVED EVEN WITHIN  
RESTRICTED RESOURCES

2. THERE IS AN INCREASING NEED FOR READINESS IN THE  
ATLANTIC. THE ATLANTIC SEA LANES ARE THE BASIC FIBER OF OUR ALLIANCE  
WITH EUROPE, <sup>WITH</sup> NATO. TODAY, IN PEACETIME, BOTH FRIEND AND FOE ARE  
ESTIMATING THE CAPABILITY OF THE STRIKING FLEET AND THE SECOND FLEET  
TO SECURE THOSE SEA LANES IN THE EVENT OF WAR. IF WE SHOULD BE  
JUDGED NOT READY, WE WILL HAVE FAILED A KEY ASSIGNMENT FOR OUR COUNTRY.

3. ADDITIONALLY, THE ESSENCE OF OUR PROFESSION IS  
MAINTAINING PEACE THRU READINESS FOR WAR. THE HEART AND SOUL OF A  
NAVY IS GOOD PEOPLE. WE CAN ~~SHO~~ TO ATTRACT GOOD MEN AND WOMEN

ONLY IF WE ARE TRULY PROFESSIONALS.

THE FUTURE OF OUR NAVY AND IN SOME MEASURE, THE WELL BEING OF OUR COUNTRY DEPENDS ON WHETHER YOU MEN OF THE SECOND FLEET ARE KEEPING READINESS FOREMOST IN YOUR MINDS AND IN YOUR ACHIEVEMENTS.

IT HAS BEEN FUN TO ATTEMPT TO LEAD YOU IN THIS DIRECTION DURING THE PAST YEAR. IF I MUST MOVE ON, I AM DELIGHTED THAT THE REINS ARE BEING ASSUMED BY A TRUE PROFESSIONAL, VADM JOHN SHANAHAN. I WISH YOU GOD SPEED IN THE WONDERFUL CHALLENGE AND OPPORTUNITY THAT LIES AHEAD OF YOU.